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Applicant

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Examiner

Lee, Benjamin

Docket No.

2002-123

Customer No. 23843

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Dear Sir:

In reply to the Office Action of July 9, 2007 please find the following:

AMENDMENT

Please amend the above identified application as follows:

- 1. Amendments to the Claims start on page 2 of this paper.
- 2. Amendments to the Drawings start on page 8 of this paper.

Claim 40 while shown as rejected in the Office Action Summary was not commented on in the body (pages 2-5) of the Office Action dated July 9, 2007. The applicant asks that the next Office Action NOT be made a final action until the status of claim 40 is resolved.